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 For: PLAYBACK APPARATUS AND )  
 ACCESS METHOD OF )  
 PLAYBACK APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

Applicant previously submitted Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 2000-333285 with an Information Disclosure Statement filed September 22, 2003, along with an English-language abstract. However, Applicant is resubmitting the '285 publication in order to point out that the relevance of the document is discussed on page 2 of the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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